

CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Rule 53(b) Continuation or Divisional)

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This requests a ☐ Continuation or ☒ Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application:

Appl. No.:	09/963,382	Group Art Unit:	2812
Filed on:	September 27, 2001	Examiner:	W. Lindsat
Entitled:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING SUBSTRATES AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE		

- ☒ 1. The entire disclosure of the pending, prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.
- ☒ 2. Submitted herewith is a copy of the complete prior application as filed.
- ☐ 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1). **DELETE** the following inventor(s): _____.
- ☒ 4. Submitted herewith is a copy of the signed Oath/Declaration from the prior application.
- ☐ 5. Small entity status is claimed.
- ☐ 6. A _____ month Petition for Extension of Time is filed concurrently in the prior application.
- ☒ 7. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
- ☒ 8. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is submitted herewith.
- ☐ 9. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division of nonprovisional application serial number _____ filed _____. --
- ☐ 10. Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained.
- ☒ 11. The prior application is assigned of record to: Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.
- ☒ 12. Priority is claimed based on each foreign application so listed in the Oath/Declaration and a certified copy of each was filed in U.S. application number 09/963,382 filed September 27, 2001.
- ☒ 13. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ 14. Submitted herewith is an Application Data Sheet.
- ☐ 15. Other: _____

THE FILING FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Basic Fee:				\$7 0.00
Total Claims:	17	- 20 =	0.00	X \$18 = 0.00
Independent Claims:	2	- 3 =	0.00	X \$84 = 0.00
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23364 Customer Number			Subtotal: 770.00	
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